

SPIRIT OF



MEMORABILIA

1976

"SPIRIT OF '76"

It's a time for us.

It belongs to our generation.

It's today; it's yesterday; it's tomorrow . . .

We make the moves. We call the plays.

We make it happen and whenever it happens,

It happens well.

THE TIME FOR US

The time for us
Has come to pass,
But even so
We'll always know
That it couldn't last.
And our four years,
Though they've been great,
Must now end.
But we'll remember our
good times and friends.

The time for us
Has come at last,
And though it has
It's come too fast.

Now as we leave,
The memory stays.
It lingers on
Though we have gone
Our separate ways.
Fond memories
Of Clinton High
Will not die.
Although we have to leave
And say good-bye.

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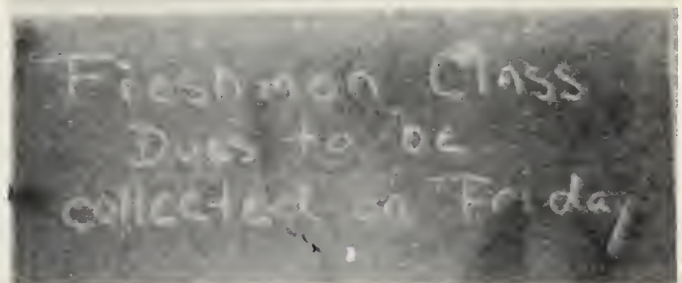
The Class of 1976. Our high school experience — over — but not forgotten. As we look back on our years at Clinton High, we think of the major events which we experienced together and the times of joy and sadness, frustration and relief, laughing and crying. So many people — so many emotions — so many memories. The pictures and words are few, but the memories unlimited. We learned from experience, from others, and from ourselves. We look back on how far we have traveled, and realize a great sense of pride and power as seniors, as students, and as people.



September 1972. What lies ahead of us down these seemingly lonely corridors: new friends, great excitement, unfamiliar rules and regulations, confusion and frustration, overcome only by anticipation. How long would it take us to become aware of our new surroundings, and buckle down and study in preparing us for our future???



It didn't take us long to adjust to our new situation and soon we were mingling together, becoming friends, only to be interrupted by the sound of the bell.



And the big shocker came when we had our first class meeting and we were told \$40 had to be scraped up for class dues. How would we ever do it? . . . We had only just begun.



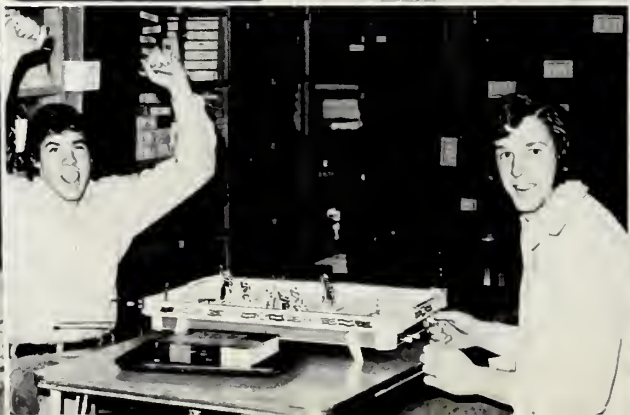
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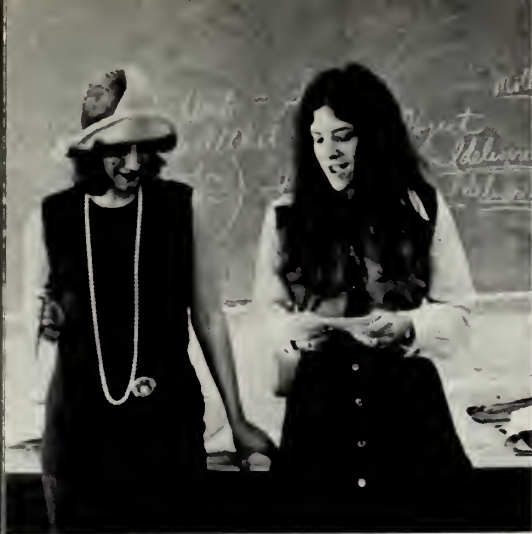
On Saturday, November 9, 1974, The Junior Homecoming — “A TIME FOR US” — was held in the cafeteria of the Clinton High School to the music of SUITE.

Despite a 10-6 loss to a tough Marlboro team, our spirits were not dampened, and a good time was had by all. Helen McNamara was chosen queen and her court consisted of Mary O'Malley, Teresa Murphy, Jean DiLorenzo, Jean Praderio, Nan Gonyea, and Susan Cataldi.











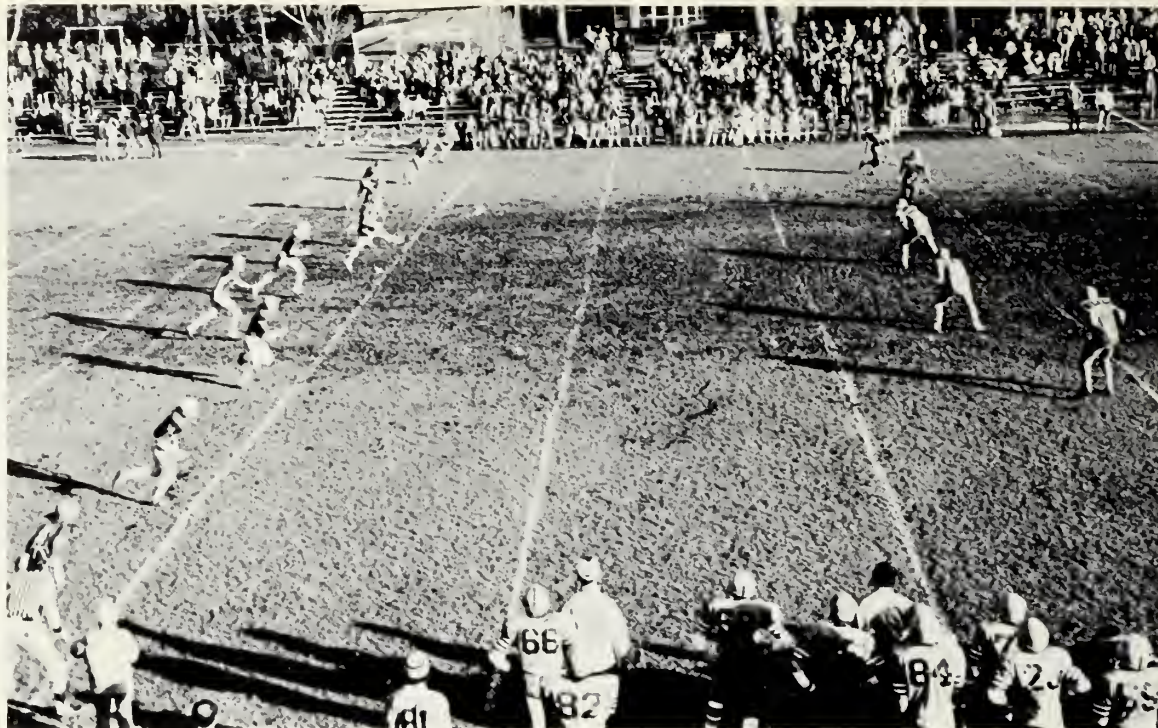
JUNIOR PROM

On Friday, May 29, 1975, the Junior Prom — "PRECIOUS AND FEW" — was held at the Sheraton Tara in Framingham. We danced all night to the music of FATE.

The highlight of the evening came with the selection of Donna Sadowski as the queen, and her court of Helen McNamara, Mary Ellen Hatstat, Carol Cooney, Robyn Gallant, Nan Gonyea and Jean Praderio.







THANKSGIVING DAY GAME

It was the beginning of the game, but the end of the season. And what a season it was. The '75-76 football team brought much excitement to it's fans that season. Turkey Day was no exception. We came up on top of Gardner by a whopping score of 28-14. At the conclusion of the game, Dave Despotopulos, Mike Moran and Phil Donnini were awarded trophies for their outstanding play. Let us not forget our cheerleaders and twirlers for the fine job they did all season long. They put on a final spectacular show. A fitting end to an unforgettable season.







SENIOR HOP

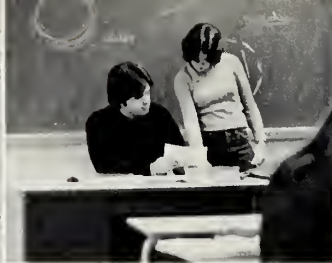
On Saturday, February 21, 1976, the Senior Hop — “COULD IT BE MAGIC — was held at Turner Hall in Clinton. That night we danced once again to the music of SUITE.

The big moment came with the selection of the queen and her court. Crowned queen was Susan MacDonald and chosen as her court were Ann Innamorati, Patty Rivers, Beverly Burton, Sue DeBlois, Helen McNanara and Penny Nieves.



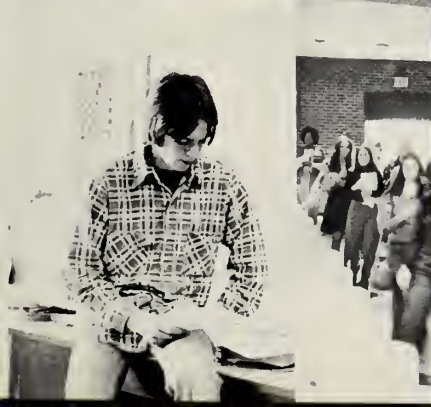
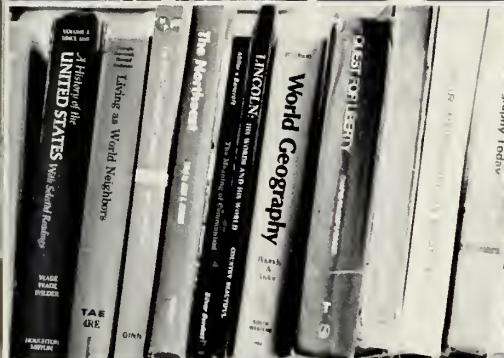


1976



JUNE







They gave their time for us, and now we give our time to them by expressing our appreciation and gratitude to our class advisors — Mr. Thompson, Miss Hamilton, Mr. Garrity and Mr. Valerio. During the past four years, they have given countless hours of devotion and energy for the benefit of the class of 1976. We give our most sincere thanks to you for making our years at CHS memorable ones.





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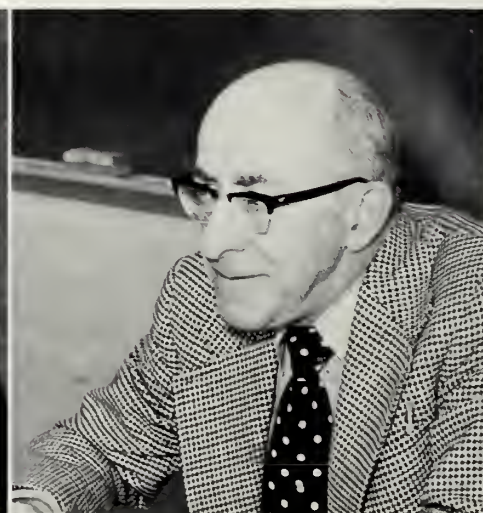
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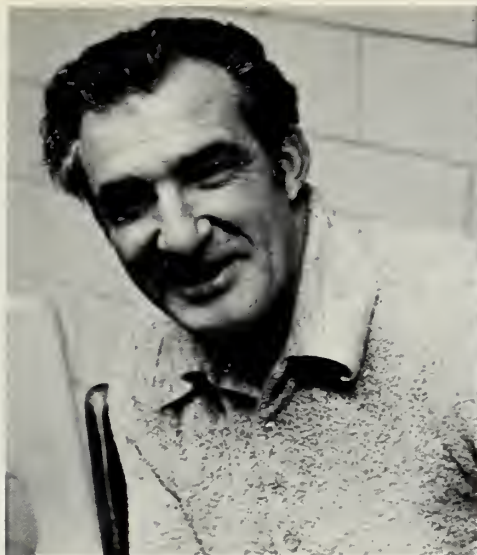
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FRESHMAN YEAR

The sands of the hour glass started flowing on their journey through time as we proudly entered Clinton High as freshman. It was a new and different journey — one we would look back upon for the rest of our lives. To start us off on our journey, we had Jim Innamorati as our president, Helen McNamara as vice-president, Jean Praderio as secretary and Patty Guidi as treasurer. Together with them and our class advisors, we held a few class meetings and planned projects for fund raising. We held dances, a bake sale, and sold "bargain boxes."

We soon became adjusted to our new environment and we were on our way through CHS — a journey in which we would experience joy, sadness, triumph and frustration. A journey through time . . . through a most important part of our lives.





SOPHOMORE YEAR

We returned to CHS for our sophomore year — a year when we would grow closer together in friendship and in strength as the sands continued to flow.

Paul Devaney, elected President, was the only change in our class officers. We began to make our presence felt as we became involved in various activities such as sports, clubs, and for the first time — interclass dramatics. "The Ghost Wore White" was our presentation with Joyce Constant as "Jennie Conwell", Debbie Murphy as "Mandy", Dave Doss as "James Reynolds", Jane Domenico as "Edna Conwell", Geri Valenkamph as "Charlotte Conwell", Chuck Dorazio as "Junior Conwell", Marlene Conger as "Mrs. Mason", and Ellen Gallagher as our "Lady in White". What a fun evening we all had!!!

For class projects, we held a dance and car wash, and we formed our Ring Committee. We drew up a special design for our ring this year — in addition to the Galloping Gael, we had the Liberty Bell with the inscription, "Spirit of 76". Yes, we wanted to tell the world that "76" was our year, our class, and that in our hearts, we were the best!





Austin F. Sheridan

In memory of Austin F. Sheridan, (1924-1973), Superintendent of Schools, a man of wisdom, poise, reason and calm judgement, we dedicate these words:

It has been said that "the most essential thing in the work of education is that sympathetic touch of life, on life. It is by that fine process that personality is developed, matured, and enriched in all the younger candidates for human existence." Mr. Sheridan had that touch, and we thank him for it.





The sands were beginning to run out on us as we were now half way through our journey when we entered our junior year. We were about to enter the most important half of our high school experience. We started by electing Mike Moran as our president, Dave Despotopulos as vice-president, Jean Proderio repeated as secretary, and Ann Innamorati as treasurer.

Junior year meant many things — the Homecoming Game and Dance, our second try at interclass, the Prom which was probably the highlight of the year, the selection of Boy's State Representatives and National Honor Society students, and also the various fund-raising events, such as the selling of the Patriots Football Season Tickets. Another hectic year . . . Another step along our journey through CHS.

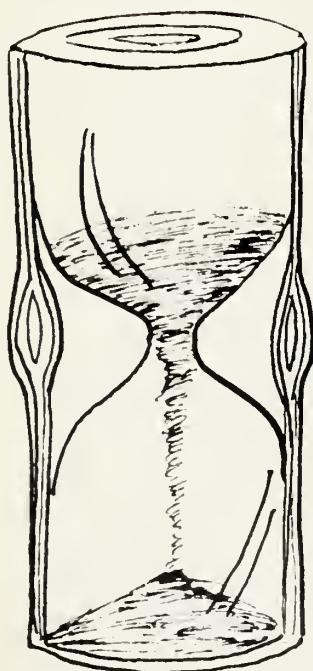
JUNIOR YEAR

Our second try at interclass dramatics competition met with some success as Jane Domenico received Best Supporting Actress for her role as "Mrs. Stone" and Carol O'Malley an Honorable Mention as "Lila Sue Amory" in "Here Comes the Groom" on December 5, 1974. Other cast members were Dave Slauenwhite, "Roger Stone", Joyce Constant, "Emily Barker", Wayne Wollerman, "George Barker", Debbie Murphy, "Aunt Rutherford", Chuck Dorazio as "Buzz Gregory", Geri Valenkamph as "Mrs. Barker", and Dave Doss as the baker.





"A TIME FOR US"

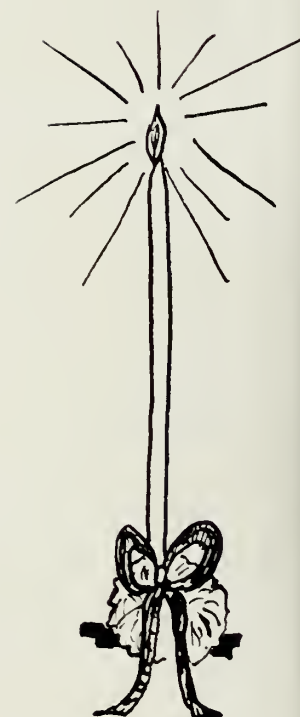


The sands of time flowed towards our first big event as juniors, our Homecoming Game and Dance. There was much anticipation, excitement and planning as we prepared for the big day. Gown-buying, ticket-purchasing and decorating were common occurrences.

Despite a 10-6 defeat against a tough Marlboro team, our spirit was not dampened that evening. The stage was set, the lights were dimmed and the first tunes of music started; we were finally here feeling a togetherness of silent spirit.

There was hope in each heart as we started the promenade around: floating colors, mixed whispers and expectations abounded as we waited for the climax of our dream world. We all felt the winners' happiness and consoled our sighs of unattainment.

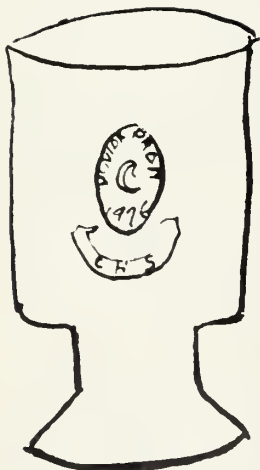
As we watched the Queen and her court at half-time the following Saturday, there was still a faint, warm flow in our hearts and minds. It will always be a time to remember, a time to cherish, A TIME FOR US.







“PRECIOUS AND FEW”



It seems as though the sands were flowing faster during our junior year, and soon we were thinking about first formal, the Junior Prom.

As the girls went shopping for beautiful spring gowns, the guys took pride and pleasure in their first tuxedos. There is always something very special about a prom — something very enchanting.

As we neared the “Dream Castle”, the Sheraton Tara, a sense of bewilderment swept over us; but as we saw each other together again for another memorable event, we were content and relieved.

We ate and danced our way through the night, building towards the two big moments of the occasion — the exchanging of caps and gowns among the senior and junior class officers, and finally the selection of the Queen and her court.

Suddenly it was over, and little did we realize that we were peacefully moving to the soft sands and dim lights once again. This ended yet another of the PRECIOUS AND FEW moments that we would share together.







Foster and Foster the Sands are flowing now. The stage was set as we began to anticipate the start of a most memorable year as seniors! Who would lead us through these hectic days that were to come? Our advisors and officers Mike Moran, Geri Valenkamph, John Praderio and Jimmy Manamorati. During our year at CHS, we have moved closer and closer, affected by the people around us.

We were already anticipating graduation. It is only then that we can look back and realize our contributions to ourselves and others over the passing of time. And yet, when it was over, it would be too late. . . . There are too many special moments to mention, so the pages that follow will tell the story of the most memorable part of our journey — our senior year!



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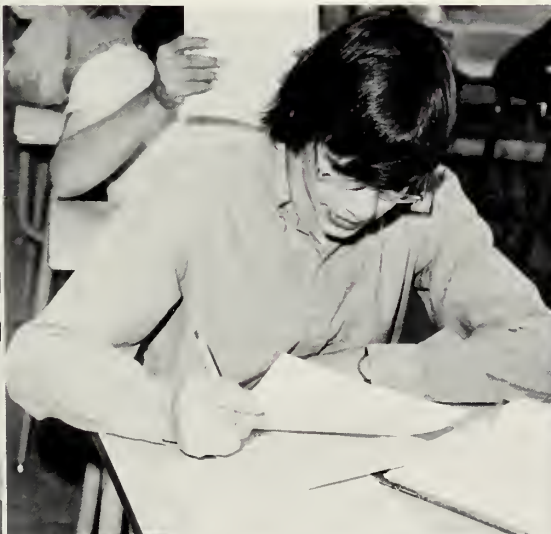


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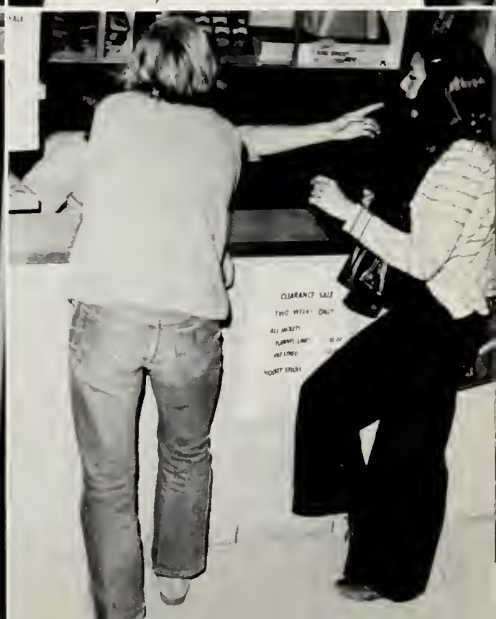
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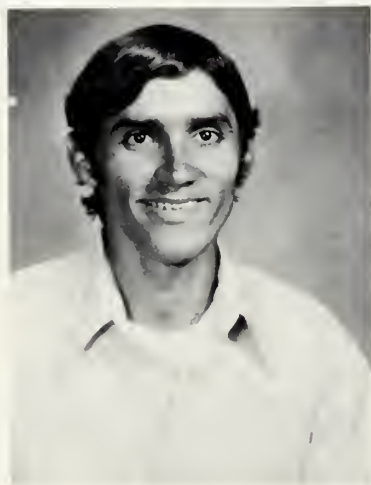


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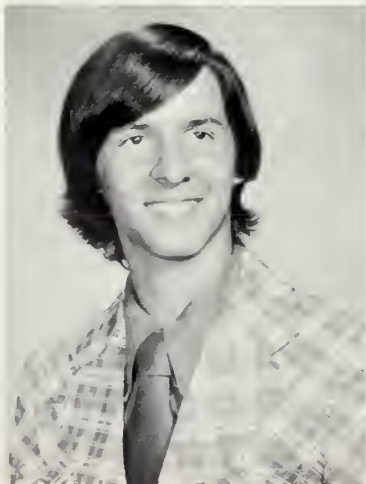
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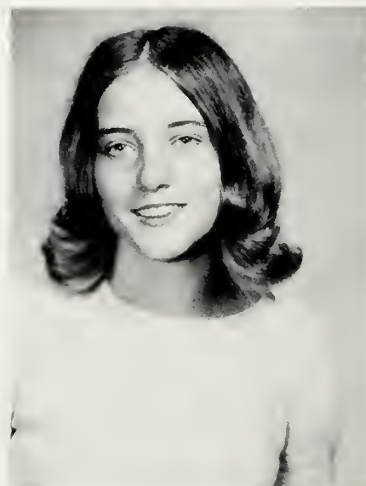


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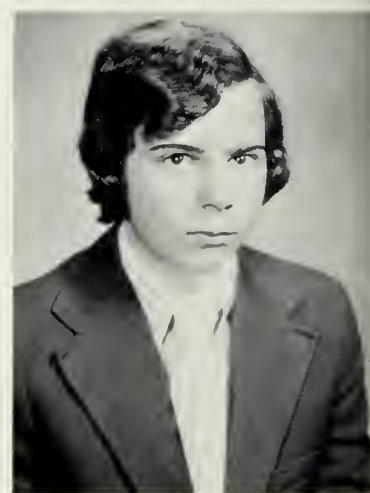


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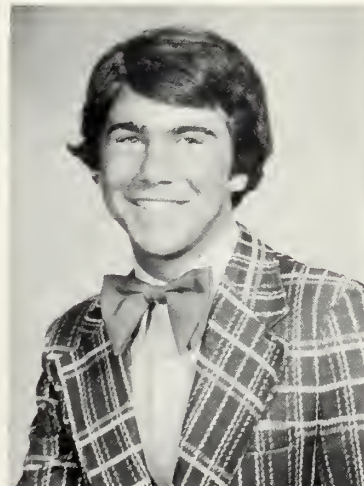
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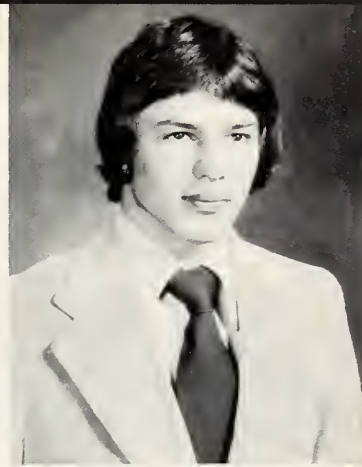
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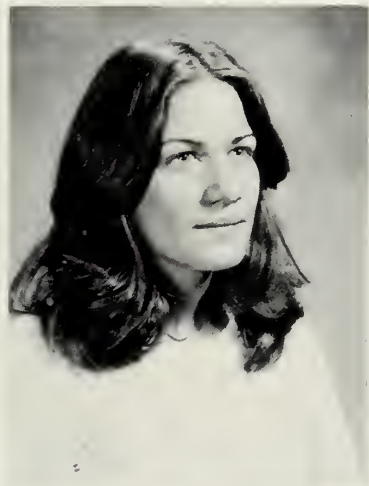
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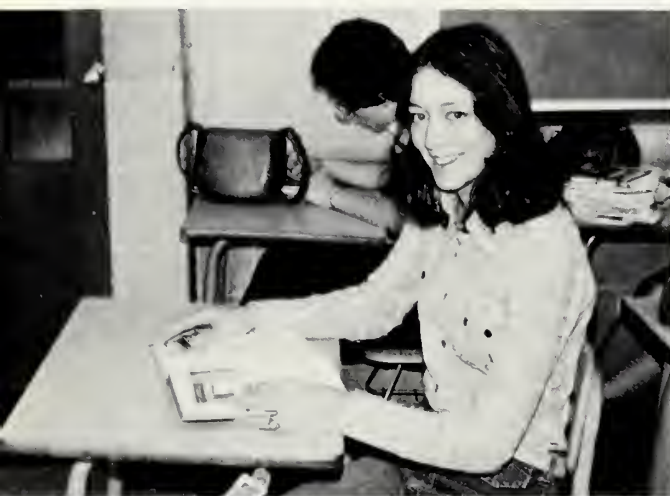
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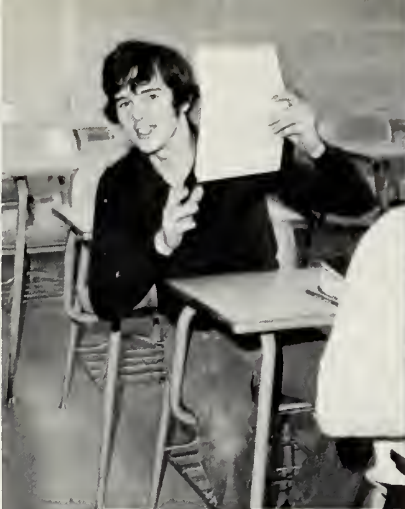


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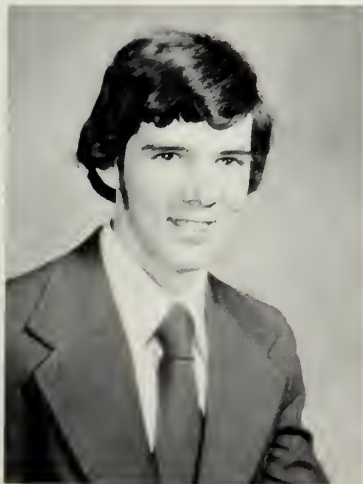




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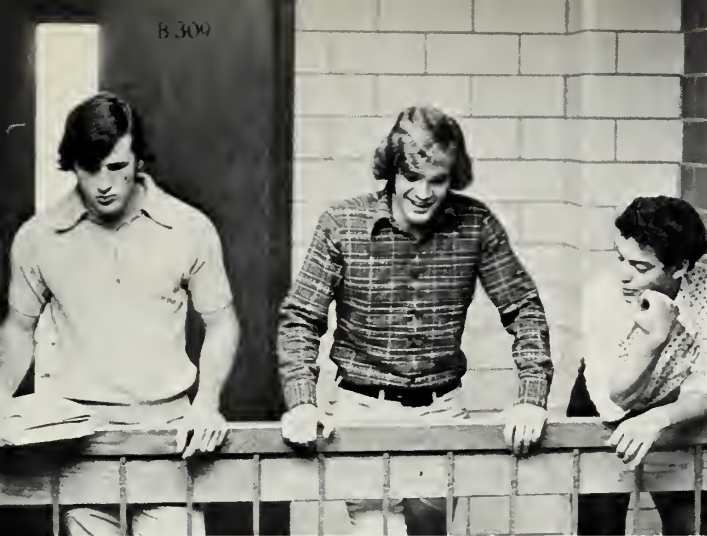
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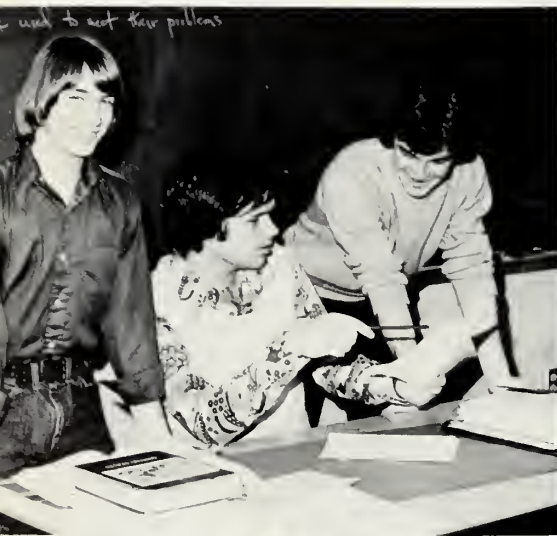
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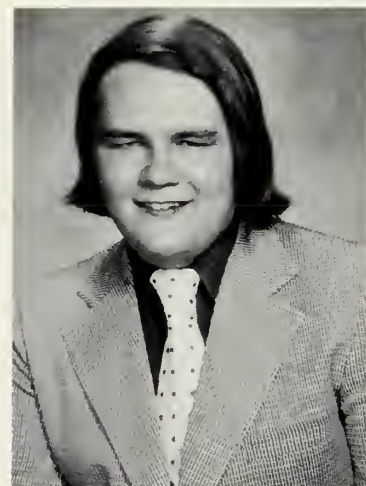




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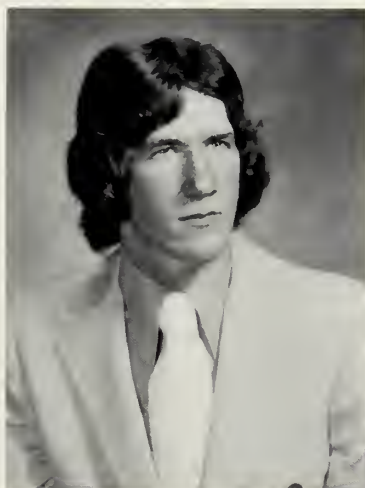


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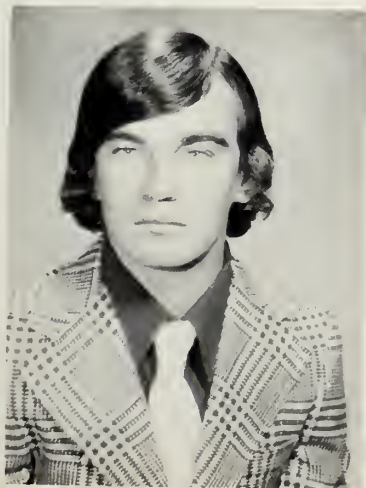
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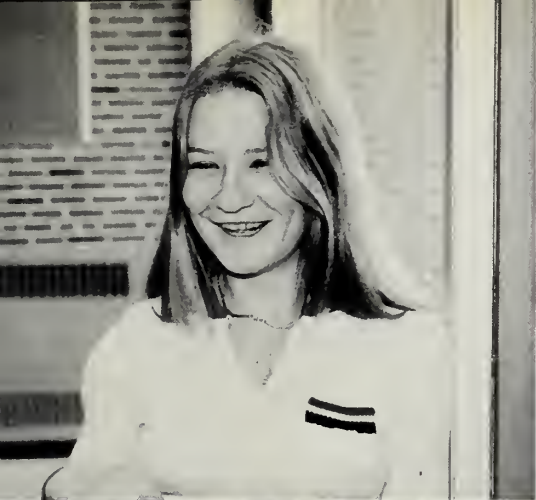


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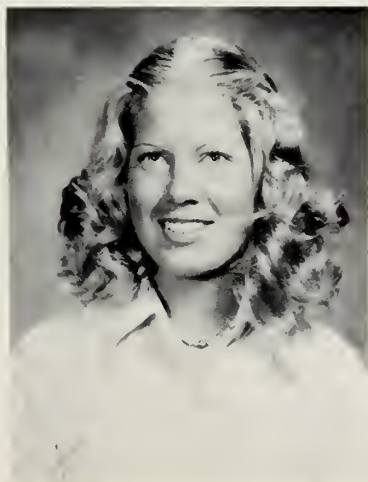
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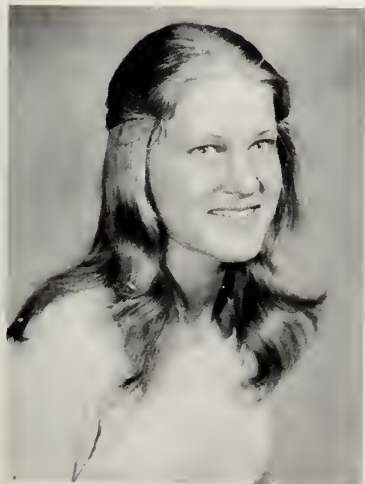




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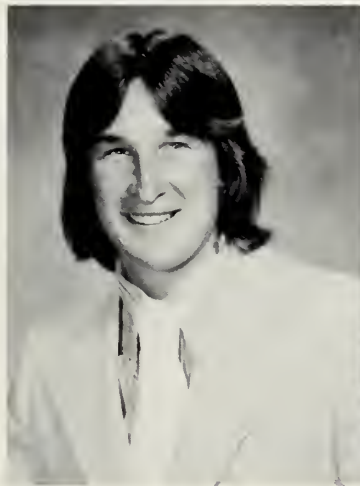
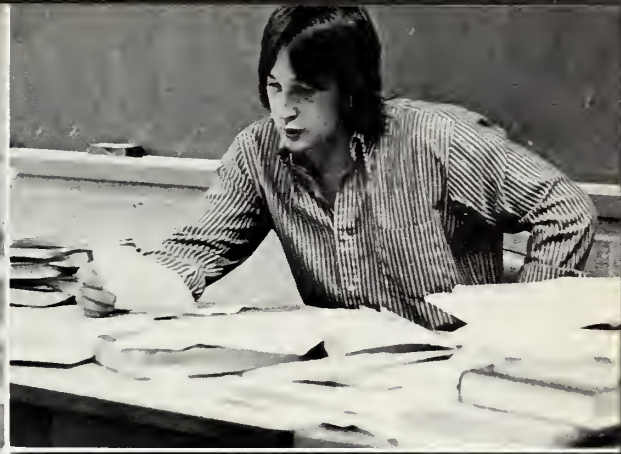
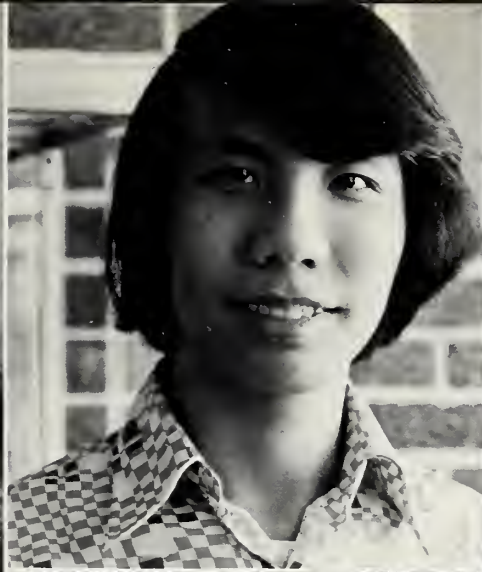


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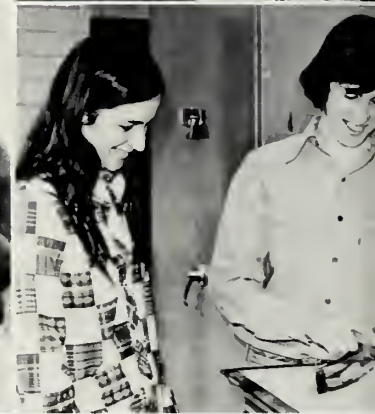


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...one was passing by, but it
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...our way through Clinton
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...degree of distinction and
...honor. The efforts put forth
...by our classmates should
...serve to inspire us in our fu-
...endeavors.

AWARDS



DAVE DESPOTOPULOS — Craven Coulter Memorial Award; Honorable Mention in Midland League Football (4); K of C Trophy for Best Offensive Player in Thanksgiving Game; Outstanding Athlete Award.

MIKE MORAN — T&G Class B Honorable Mention in Football (3,4); Midland League All-Star in Football (4); K of C Trophy for M.V.P. in Thanksgiving Game; Outstanding Athlete Award.



ALAN JEWETT — Patrick Hanley Memorial Award; Honorable Mention in Midland League Football (4); Outstanding Athlete Award.

JIM INNAMORATI — Honorable Mention in Midland League Football (4).



RICK MORGAN — Unsung Hero Award in Basketball (4); Honorable Mention in Midland League Baseball (4).

DAN VETRAS — Honorable Mention in Midland League Football (4); Outstanding Athlete Award.



BOB WAGNER — T&G Class B Honorable Mention in Football (4); Midland League All-Star in Football (4); Honorable Mention in Midland League Baseball (4); Outstanding Athlete Award.

DON O'MALLEY — High Scorer in Track (3,4); Outstanding Athlete Award; 1st place in DECA advertising and display layout.



BILLY SEWARD — T&G Class B All-Star in Football (4); Midland League All-Star in Football (4).

PHIL DONNINI — Honorable Mention in Midland League Football (4); K of C Trophy for Best Defensive Player in Thanksgiving Game.



MARK O'TOOLE — Honorable Mention in Midland League Football (4); Outstanding Athlete Award.

AWARDS



ROBBIE RYLL — Midland League All-Star in Cross Country (2,3); Honorable Mention in Midland League Basketball (4); Outstanding Athlete Award.

DAVE HOAG — Honorable Mention in Midland League Basketball (4); Outstanding Athlete Award.



JEAN PRADERIO — Honorable Mention in Midland League Field Hockey (2,3,4); Outstanding Athlete Award.

ANN GIOVANNUCCI — 2nd place in Principal's Bicentennial Essay Contest; State runner-up in the MTA Bicentennial Essay Contest.



DAN MCAULIFFE — Outstanding Athlete Award.
MARK O'MALLEY — Outstanding Athlete Award.



ANN SHERIDAN — Honorable Mention in Midland League Field Hockey (2,3,4); Honorable Mention in Midland League Softball (4); Outstanding Athlete Award.

ELLEN GALLAGHER — Honorable Mention in Midland League Field Hockey (2,3,4); Honorable Mention in Softball (2,3); Midland League All-Star in Softball (4); Outstanding Athlete Award.



TOM LAVELLE — T&G All-Star and Super Team in Basketball (4); Midland League All-Star in Basketball (4); Outstanding Athlete Award.

TOM KULIS — T&G Outstanding Student Achievement Award.



DARYL BROWCHUK — 3rd place in Principal's Bicentennial Essay Contest.

WAYNE WOLLERMAN — 1st place in Principal's Bicentennial Essay Contest.

AWARDS



GERI VALENKAMPH — Best Actress (4); 1st place in local Voice of Democracy Contest (2,3); 2nd place in district competition of Voice of Democracy Contest (3); Outstanding Athlete Award.

JIM O'DONNELL — Rensselaer Science & Mathematics Award; Harvard Book Award sponsored by the Harvard Club of Boston.



DAVE SLAUENWHITE — Harvard Book Award sponsored by the Harvard Club of Worcester; Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corp. for PSAT achievement.

BILL CASASANTO — 3rd place in DECA display evaluation contest.



CAROL O'MALLEY — Honorable Mention Best Supporting Actress (3).

ROBYN GALLANT — Outstanding Business Student Award.



JANE DOMENICO — Best Supporting Actress (3); 2nd place in local Voice of Democracy Contest (2).



LESLIE PIELOCIK — Betty Crocker Homemaker Award.



MAUREEN GORMAN — 1st place in DECA Shadow Box Display; 4th place in DECA State Competition.

SANDY BAIRD — 3rd place in DECA merchandising math contest.



RICHARD WELTON — 4th place in DECA advertising poster contest.

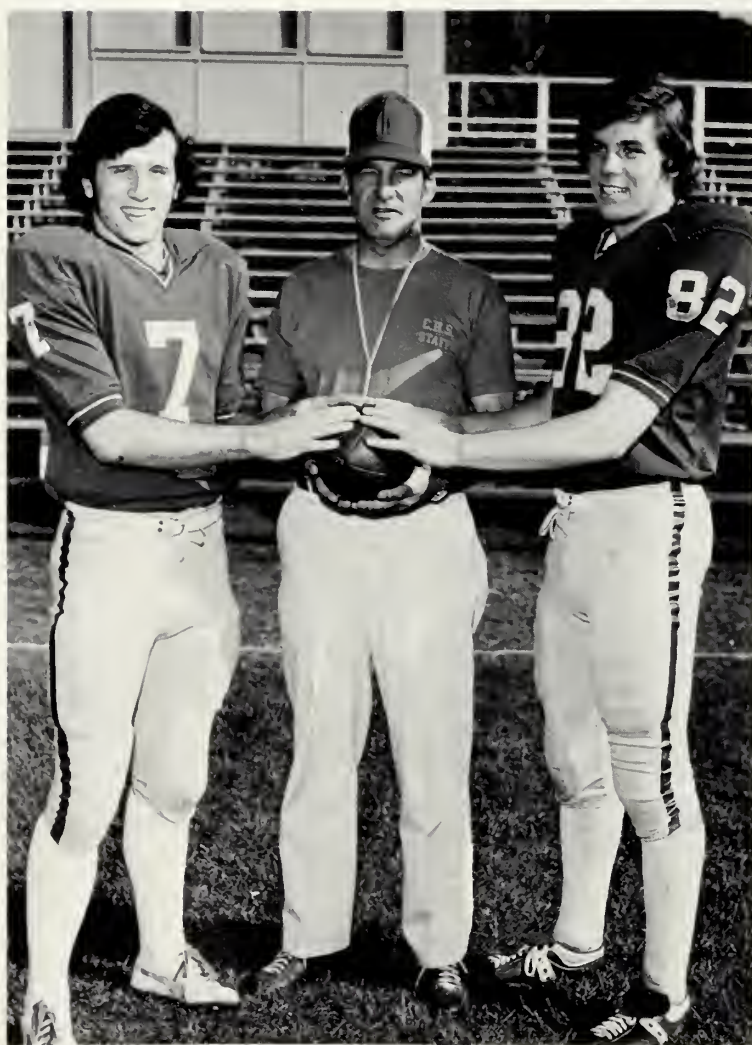
JANE KONAN — 2nd place in DECA poster contest.

SPORTS





FOOTBALL

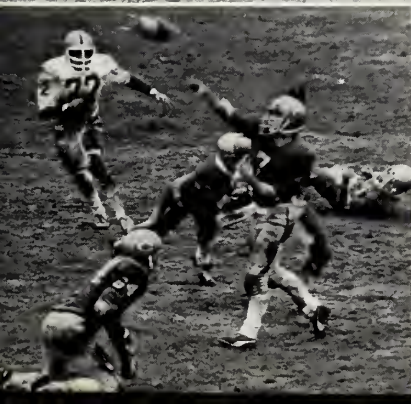
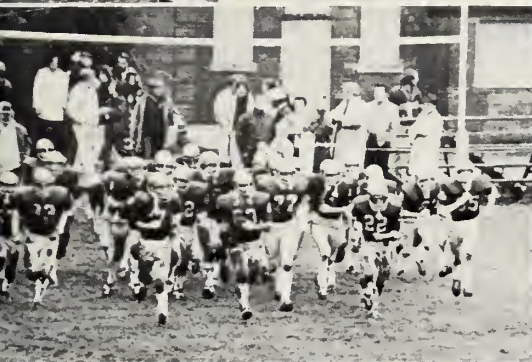
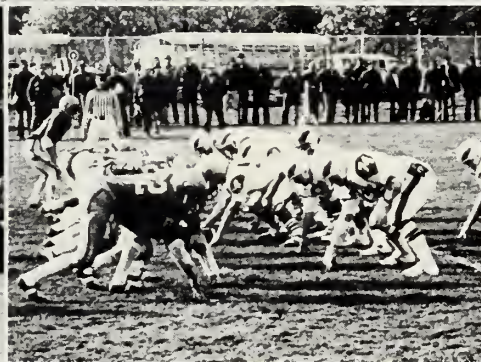
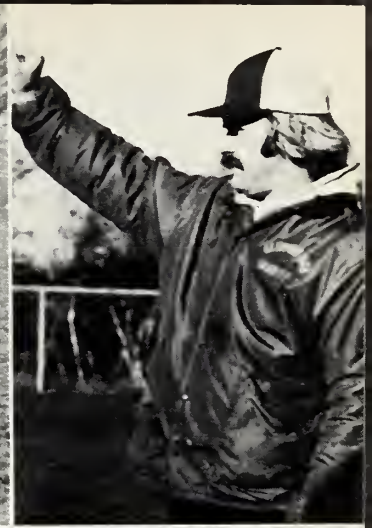


Coach Cataldi and Co-Captains Mike Moran and Mark O'Toole

The '75-76 Football Gaels were something really special to their fans this season. Despite the fact that they managed only a 5-5 record, they deserved all the praise and accolades that came their way. They easily could have gone 9-1, and they could easily have gone all the way in the Midland League. Anyone who ever saw them play and followed their progress over the season knows that to be a fact.

We have reason to be proud of our team — and their coaches, for a job well done.

		Clinton	Opp.
9/13	Southbridge	14	12
9/20	Maynard	18	19
10/3	Hudson	8	30
10/11	St. Bernard's	28	14
10/20	Shrewsbury	14	6
10/25	Westboro	18	13
11/1	Milford	26	27
11/8	Marlboro	21	25
11/15	Algonquin	7	13
11/29	Gardner	28	13





Dave Despotopulos



Phil Donnini



Jim Innamorati



Alan Jewett



John Mattiace



Mike Moran



Rick Morgan



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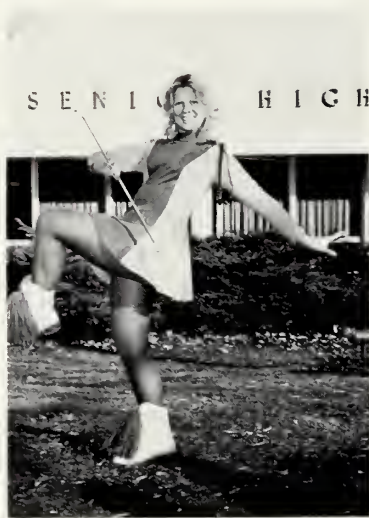


Ann Sheridan
Co-Captain





TWIRLERS



Donna Sadowski



Ann Giovannucci

CLINTON
JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH



Patty Guidi



Pam Gage



Carol O'Malley





The Clinton High School Band, they who have devoted so much time practicing and appearing for football games, concerts, rallies and graduations, under the direction of Gregory Depp, are truly a great asset to Clinton High School.

CLINTON HIGH BAND



George McNamara



Ruth Richards



Wayne Wollerman



Jackie Seymour





CROSS COUNTRY



Captain Robbie Ryll

The CHS cross country team, under the direction of new head coach Glenn Braunhardt, finished with a fine over-all record of 9 wins and 4 losses, and a Midland League record of 5 wins and 2 losses.

The big race of the season was home against Milford, where the Gaels upset them and stopped their 3-year-old unbeaten string.

Senior members Bill Casasanto, Dan McAuliffe, Don O'Malley, Mark O'Malley, Robbie Ryll and Wayne Wollerman deserve much praise for their fine efforts all season long.

Clinton		Opp.	
L	47	Monty Tech	15
W	25	Algonquin	31
W	23½	Marlboro	34½
L	37	Westboro	18
W	17	Maynard	46
W	20	Ayer	40
W	26	St. Bernard's	33
W	22	Notre Dame	38
W	28	Milford	30
W	27	Hudson	32
L	39	St. John's	16
L	37	Shrewsbury	19
W	15	Assabet	50



FIELD HOCKEY



Coach McCarthy and Captain Geri Valenkamph

The field hockey team, led by seniors Geri Valenkamph, Ann Sheridan, Ellen Gallagher and Jean Praderio, was also something special this season. Their 3 wins — 6 losses — 5 ties record was very deceiving, as every score was very close; every game nip and tuck all the way.

This team was special both on and off the field. Their dedication and togetherness was felt and appreciated by all, especially by their coach, Val McCarthy. We would like to thank her for the spirit she has instilled in us, and wish her luck next season.





Ann Sheridan



Geri Valenkamph



Ellen Gallagher



Jean Praderio

BASKETBALL



Coach Foley and Co-Captains Tom Lavelle and Robbie Ryll



Coaches Bernie Gaughan and Gerry Foley

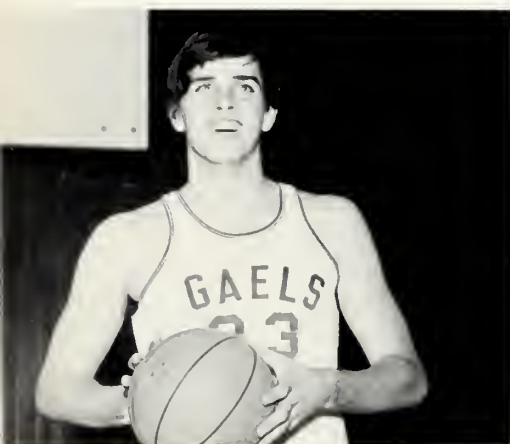
Clinton		Opp.
71	Grafton	57
63	Leominster	79
57	Algonquin	52
60	Bedford	52
53	Milford	44
65	Westboro	83
50	Shrewsbury	49
86	Hudson	48
78	Maynard	60
65	Marlboro	53
73	Auburn	49
56	Algonquin	72
83	Milford	63
77	Westboro	68
54	Shrewsbury	63
54	Hudson	50
85	Maynard	64
61	Marlboro	47
61	Leominster	64
	Clark Invitational	
63	Ayer	58
43	Algonquin	53
	District III	
71	North Middlesex	64
54	Algonquin	52
53	St. Peter's	80

The Gaels had yet another very impressive year in basketball. Although not copping the Midland League Title, it was nip and tuck down to the very finish of the season. The Gaels compiled a fine 14-5 regular season record, and once again went to the Clark Tournament, reaching the finals and eventually losing at the hands of Algonquin.

Then came District III, where the Gaels once again played superb and inspired ball. Although they lost in the finals to an extremely strong St. Peter's team, the Gaels proved to everyone, their worth as a ball club. Their over-all record was 17-7. Once again, thanks to Coaches Foley and Gaughan for a job well done.



Dave Hoag



Tom Lavelle



Rick Morgan





Don O'Malley



Mark O'Toole



Robbie Ryll



Dan Vetras





GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Captain



Debbie Murphy



Despite a rather disappointing season, the girls' basketball team, led by senior captain Deb Murphy, played strong, inspired, and dedicated ball. Their spirits were never dampened, and went all out for each game. We credit them for their fine and never-ending efforts all season long; and we thank Coach Val McCarthy for the fine job she has done with the girls.



ICE HOCKEY



Bill Casasanto



Dan Comerford



Mike Giansanti



Dan McAuliffe



Dave McDonald



George McNamara



CHS continued its hockey program with successful intramural competition. There were three teams playing each other this year, and there were also several exhibition games against other schools. All participants gained valuable experience and playing time, which will be of the utmost importance with the formation of a varsity squad for next season. Seniors who participated for the last time were: David McDonald, David O'Toole, Dick Sontag, Mike Moran, Kevin Shaughnessy, Jim O'Donnell, Danny Comerford, Bill Casasanto, Mike Giansanti, Danny McAuliffe, and George McNamara.





TRACK

The track team continued to have great success in the 1976 season, and it also sported a new look; it marked the initial year for a girls' squad. As usual, many records were broken and some superb individual performances were given by Don O'Malley in the triple and high jumps, Mike Moran in the 100 yard dash, and Mark O'Malley in the intermediate hurdles. Tom Kulis in the javelin, Brian Taylor in the shot put and discus, and Dan McAuliffe in the mile also had a fine season.



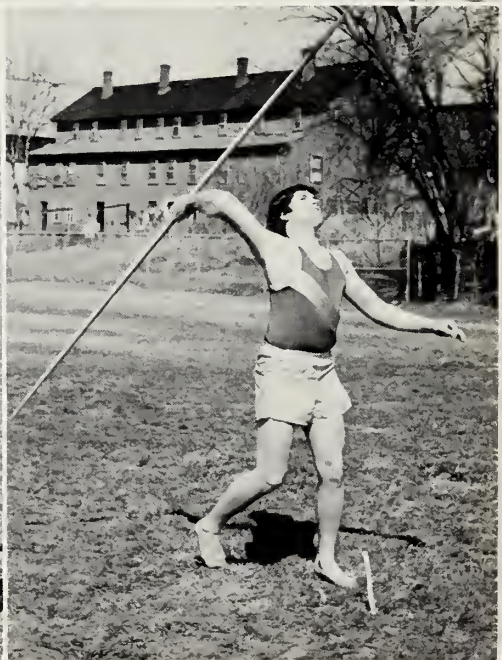
Head Coach Bernie Gaughan



Assistant Coach Angel Nieves







BASEBALL



After a slow start, the Gael baseball team put it together as a team and started to play respectable ball. Even though they lost some close games in which luck played a factor in the outcome, the effort was still there and that "never-say-die" attitude, which seems to characterize all CHS sports, was felt by all. We stand behind them for their valiant efforts shown throughout the season.

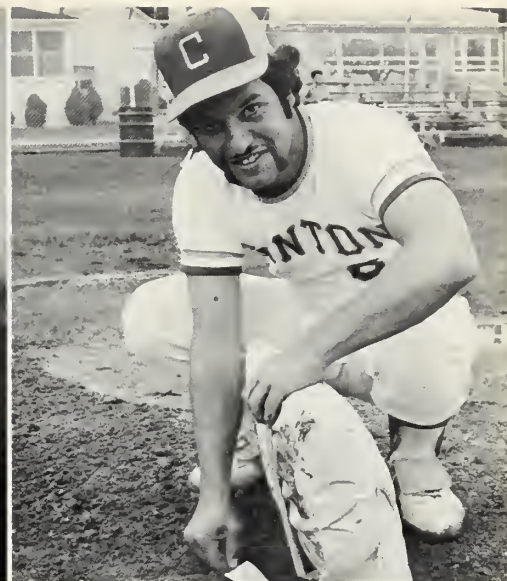




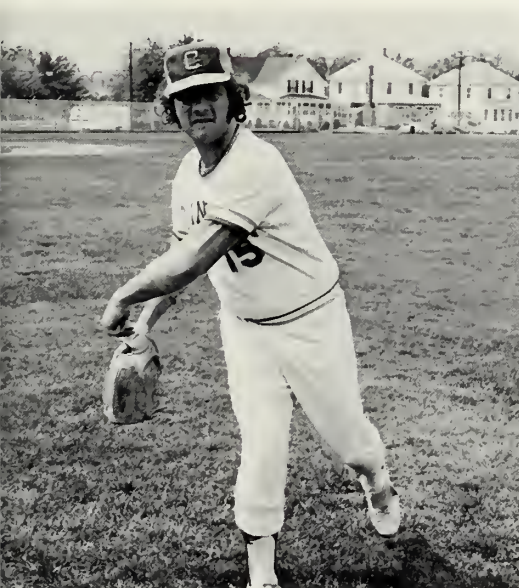
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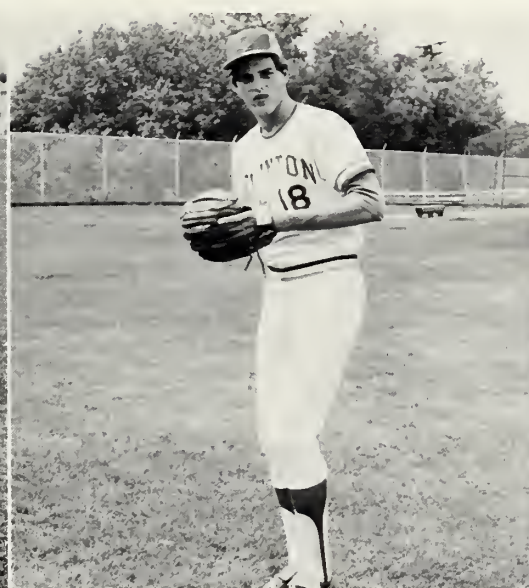
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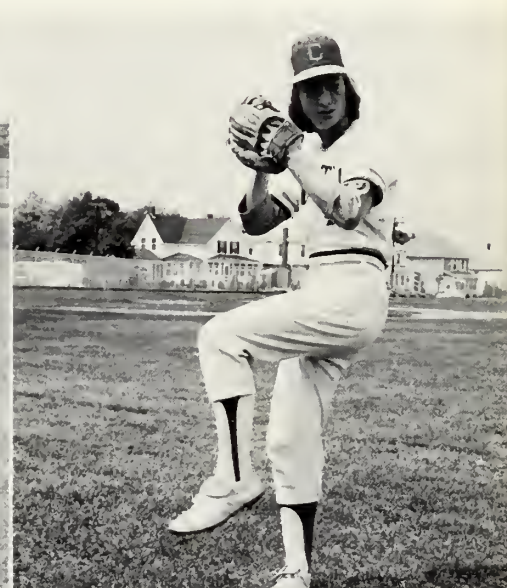
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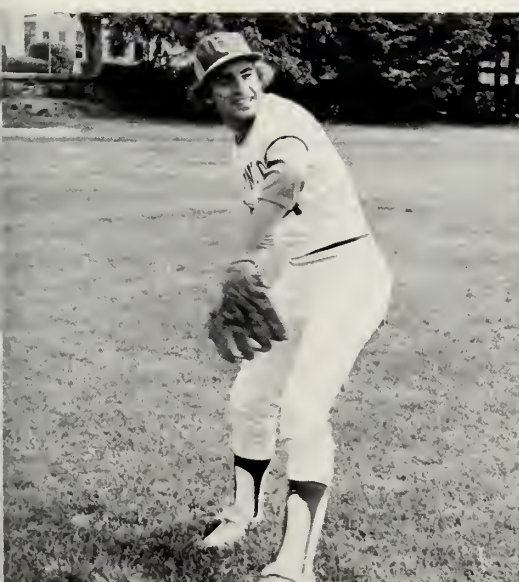
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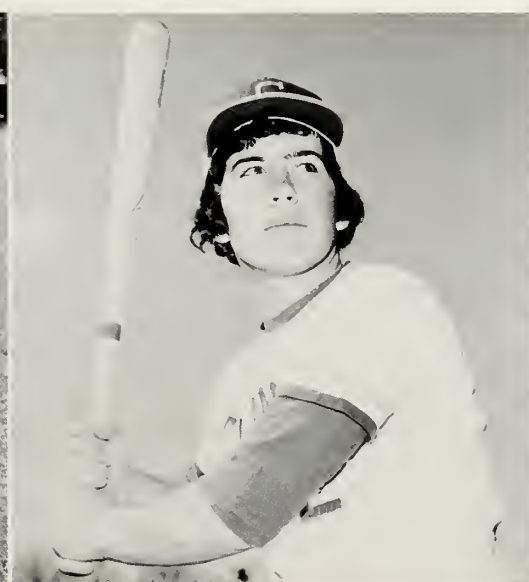
Tom Lavelle



Rick Morgan



Mark Nugent



Dan Vetras



Bob Wagner



SOFTBALL



CHS Girl's Softball team, led by Captain Ellen Gallagher and seniors Ann Sheridan, Patty Guidi, and Lucy Garcia, gave another fine performance and played some inspired softball. Even though their record was on the losing half, they brought much excitement, honor, and credit to the spirit of Clinton High sports.



Lucy Garcia



Ann Sheridan



Patty Guidi



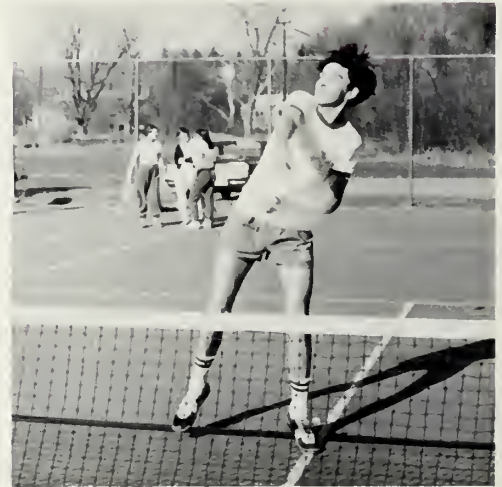
Ellen Gallagher, Captain

TENNIS



Coach Boroweic and seniors

1976 marked the first year of a boys' and girls' varsity tennis team at CHS. The team met with little success in its debut, but the quality of play was always tops.



Wayne Wollerman



Geri Valenkamph



Dickie Sontag

GOLF



Mike Giansanti



Mike Powers

The 1976 edition of the golf team had another fine season under the direction of new head coach Bob Cooney. Besides the excellent performance of seniors Mike Giansanti and Mike Powers, Clinton added a little "girl power" this season, with the presence of senior Donna Sadowski.



Donna Sadowski



Coach Cooney and seniors



The complete story of our senior year has yet to be told. We will now look back upon those memorable events that we experienced together during our final phase of our journey. You remember our last attempt at dramatics? our last big dance together? And what about that final, all-important week that we had waited so long for: baccalaureate, the class trip, the banquet, and graduation itself? It came and passed too quickly . . .

SENIOR PLAY

December 11, 1975 — our last Interclass Dramatics Competition. This year, "A Date For Bobby Sox" was our play and Geri Valenkamph was our leading lady, portraying "Bobby Sox". Wayne Wollerman was her first-time date, "Harold", Jane Domenico was her sister "Margie", Debbie Murphy was her mother "Mrs. Hanna", and "Mr. Hanna" was played by George McNamara. Geri was awarded the Best Actress of the evening, and even though we didn't win Best Play, we gave it our all and had a lot of fun.

We now also realized that time was growing short, as the sands of time slipped through faster and faster.





“COULD IT BE MAGIC?”



As we look back on our Senior Hop, we realize how much we matured over the past two years, and how we conducted ourselves and respected one another. We were well aware that it was now February, and the sands of time were running out on us. Therefore, we were drawn ever so closer together as one.

It could be said that the whole is gathered as one in our senior year — and what could prove our point more than the Hop? There were still traces of nervousness as we entered Turner Hall that night, but these were lost as the loud music, distant laughs and excited speech overcame us. We relaxed and enjoyed what was to be our last big dance together, and we still felt all the excitement of the crowning of the queen and her court.

Where did the time fly??? We were so caught up in this wonderful evening, that we felt a togetherness not expressed in words, and we found ourselves asking: COULD IT BE MAGIC???



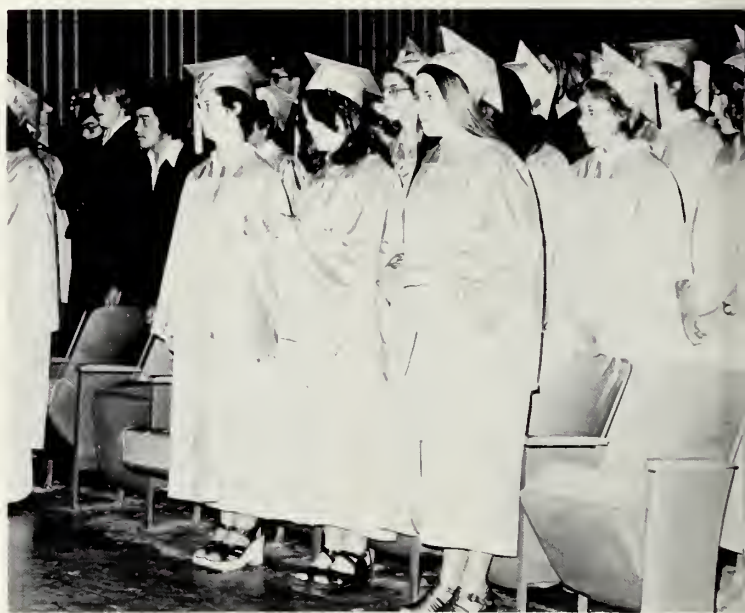


BACCALAUREATE



The beginning of the Senior Week activities started on Sunday, June 6, with the Baccalaureate exercises held in the Clinton High School Auditorium. The Reverend Martin, of the Trinity Lutheran Church, was our guest speaker. He spoke of the world and how each one of us graduates had to work to make it a better place to live. As we sang our class song, we realized that our four years at Clinton High were finishing up, and a tear or two filled our eyes.

After the exercises, we gathered in the cafeteria for breakfast . . . one of the last times we'd be together.



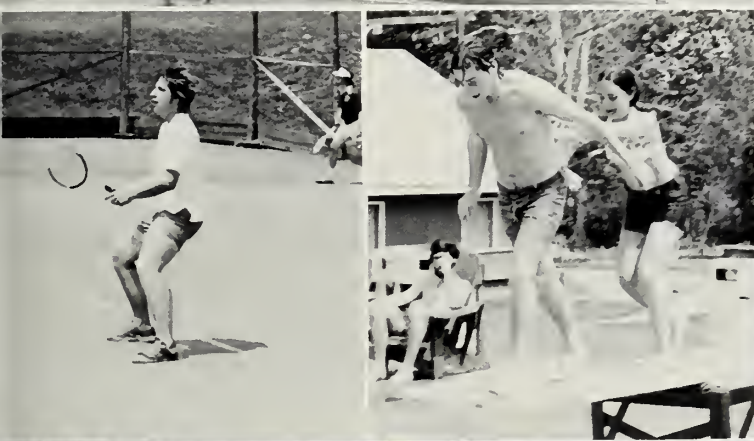




CLASS TRIP

On Wednesday morning, June 9, the Class of '76 boarded the buses for the Oak n' Spruce Resort in South Lee, Massachusetts. The weather was on our side — hot and sunny. After arriving around 10:00, we enjoyed all the recreational facilities open to us, such as swimming, golf, tennis, softball, horseback riding, volleyball and flying. Whether roasting in the saunas or floating in the pool, everyone really enjoyed themselves. Even the food was super and plentiful! After lunch, we continued our golf games and tennis matches until 6:30, when at last we got Mr. Garrity away from his pool game and boarded the buses for Clinton . . . Another day was gone!







CLASS BANQUET

The next day, we were ready to board the buses for our class banquet. We arrived at the White Cliffs in Northboro at 5:00 and had a really great meal. Then we danced all night to the music of the Ed Lucci Band. They did a great job and everyone got into the act when they played the famous Greek March. As we presented our advisors with gifts to show our appreciation and gratitude, we realized this was the last time they'd be addressing us as a whole class. We now knew how much we'd miss them. We also realized that this was our last time together until graduation. Our journey was almost over.







GRADUATION



Here it was! June 12, 1976 — Graduation Day — the end of our journey through CHS was about to unfold. What a beautiful day it was at Fuller Field: sunny with a cool breeze — a perfect day, a fitting end to a wonderful four years together; a day that we'd remember for the rest of our lives!

From the opening march to receiving our diplomas and to when we sang our class song, "The Time For Us," each one of us felt sad and sorry that we'd never see some of our fellow graduates again. Our four years at CHS truly were a time for us.





"I walk on untrodden ground." — Washington.

After we watched Mike Moran present our class gift to Steve Soldi, and then heard Mr. Bailey address us for the last time, four of our fellow students, Joanne Gadowski, Dave Slauenwhite, Geri Valenkamph, and Wayne Wollerman spoke to us about "The Spirit of '76" and how we shall carry it into our future.



"A most successful life we can all lead, if only we stand guard over our treasure."



"I have but one lamp by which my future is guided, and that is the lamp of experience." — Henry.



The "Spirit of '76" will become the Spirit of America, which will never die as long as there is still one person who can honestly say, "I care."





Graduation was over, and as we marched off the field, tears of pride, joy and sadness filled some of our eyes. After waiting so long for this big moment, it was now hard to believe that our four years of high school were gone. We were suddenly aware of the fact that the time had flown by too quickly, and we found ourselves grasping for fond memories and past dreams. As we said our good-byes and good-lucks to one another and wished each other well in the future, we realized that the hour glass had emptied and it was now time to turn it over and begin a new life . . . Success and Happiness To All!!!



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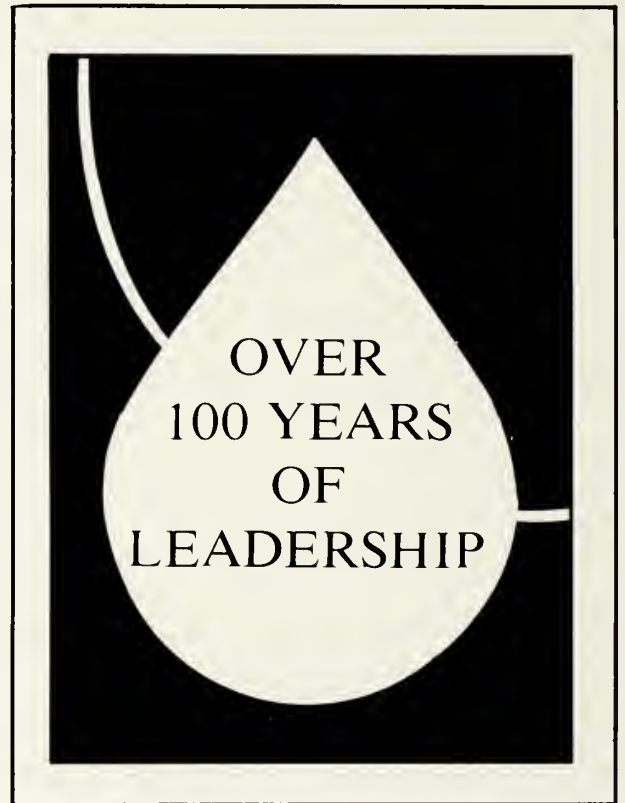
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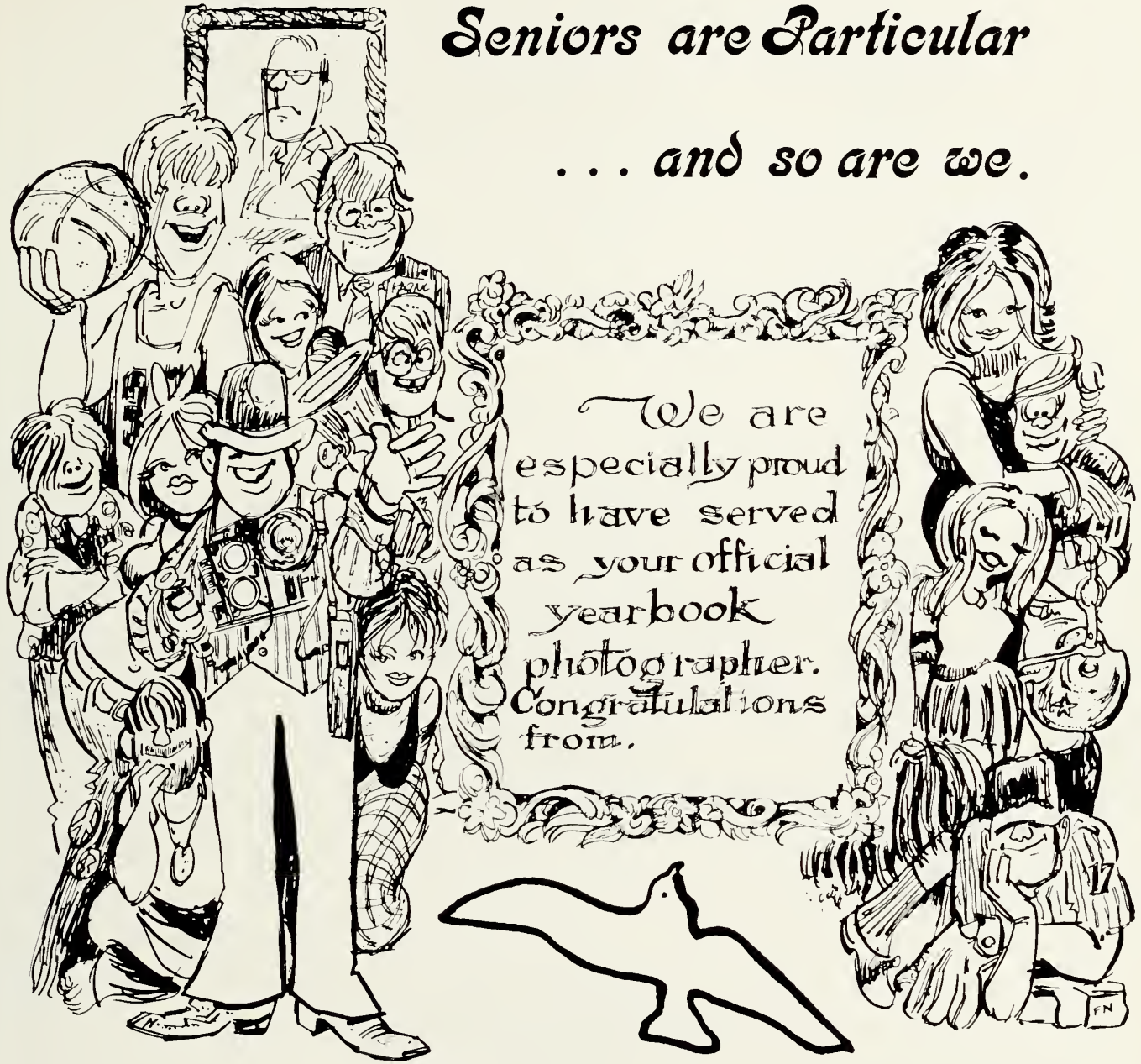
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